

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 15-18, 20-27, 29, and 31-48 were in the application. Claims 2-8, 15-18, 29 and 31-46 were allowed. Claims 24 and 25 were objected to.

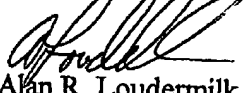
In an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant herein is rewriting allowable (but objected to) claim 24 in independent form (by amendment to claim 20). Thus, claim 20 is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and also claims that depend from amended claim 20 also should be in condition for allowance. This amendment should obviate the rejection of claims 20, 26 and 27. Also in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 22, 23, 47 and 48 have been canceled.


As the amendments herein in essence are intended to put into independent form claims previously indicated as allowable in the last action, Applicant requests that this amendment be entered and the application be allowed.

No new matter has been added. If there are any further questions regarding this application, Applicant's Attorney requests an opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner by way of a telephone interview or in-person interview.

Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0251.

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